

BOOK REVIEW

DOROTHY GREEN. 2007. **Managing Water: Avoiding a Crisis in California**. (ISBN 978-0-520-25327-8, pbk.) University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704-1012, U.S.A. (**Orders:** orders@cpfsinc.com or www.ucpress.edu, 510-642-4247, 510-643-7127 fax). \$27.95, 336 pp., 6" x 9".

Water is a resource that, in this country until somewhat recently, was taken for granted by many. Such is not the case in the 21st century. Many areas are painfully aware of the precious nature of this commodity. California is one of those areas. The author, Dorothy Green, takes a look at water problems of highly populated Los Angeles County and extends that to the state level. This book delivers a thorough look at all the intricacies of water politics: water sources, management agencies, water use efficiency, and water quality. The five chapters of the book are amply smattered with pie charts, tables, and graphs and are written in a clear and fact oriented style. Each chapter then ends with a conclusion section where the author states her view of the situation. This is not a book just for Californians but anyone in the US. Even if you feel your state has no water issues, it will.—*Robert J George, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 500 E 4th St., Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-4025, U.S.A.*

From the publisher: "**Dorothy Green** is founding president of Heal the Bay and among the founders of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, of which she is also president emeritus. She has chaired the California Water Policy (POWER) conference for the past 17 years and has helped to found the only non-profit in the state, the California Water Impact Network (c-win.org), totally devoted to water supply issues."